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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady in all areas. Demand into retail and food service was light to fair, instances moderate. Offerings were at least adequate; floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair, slightly better where weekend needs increased. Breast items were at least adequate to ample, wings were fully sufficient and slow to clear, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10-OCT-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

| AREAS | MAJORITY | RANGE | WTD AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| (Including branded product) | | | | |
| Delivered to First Receivers | | | | |
| Chicago | 61.00-64.00 | 48.00-75.25 | 63.92 | 27 |
| New York | 64.00-67.00 | | | |
| Los Angeles | 82.00 | | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | | |
| Mississippi | 74.00-76.00 | 52.00-79.00 | 74.61 | 92 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 954 | 70.00-76.62 | 74.63 |
| Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts: | | |
| | WTD. AVG. | VOLUME |
| ITEM | (CENTS PER POUND) | (000 POUNDS) |

| | | |
|------------------|--------|-------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 170.50 | 1,241 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 144.50 | 6,213 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 85.00 | 1,338 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 141.00 | 1,047 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 48.50 | 7,844 |
| WINGS | 91.50 | 3,044 |

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices moved 1 cent lower for next week's deliveries into the Chicago market area from Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offerings remained fully available on light trade interest. Demand was light to fair and following the typical seasonal pattern for the most part. Market activity was best into sports bars in markets where home town teams were in the baseball series or those having home openers in hockey. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights mixed. Offerings on all parts were moderate to heavy, with tenderloins and boneless/skinless breast in longest position. The price trend was steady to weak on all parts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair at best with light trading and limited activity for first of the month. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mostly fair. Breast items and wings were at least adequate, longest for tenders, and dark meat was readily available. Wings were more than sufficient and often discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. The market tone was about steady. Early trading reported for next weeks' delivery at unchanged prices on regular commitments, with new negotiations of heavy WOGs at unchanged to lower prices and lightweights unchanged to higher prices. Offerings moved into better balance yet remained fully adequate for an only fair buyers' interest. Retail demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair entering the week-end. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to available and slow in clearing. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were in a better balance than earlier in the week but still noted as available. Dark meat items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were fully adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair for late week and holiday needs. However, offerings ranged from adequate to ample for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was unsettled to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were in a better position but still available. Dark meat and wings were fully adequate for a irregular demand.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| RANGE | 55-85 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | (A) |
| NO. OF BOXES | (A) |
| CUMULATIVE | (A) |
| | 10/03/05-10/07/05 |
| | 10/04/04-10/08/04 |
| NO. OF BOXES | (A) |
| | 10/03/05-10/07/05 |
| | 10/04/04-10/08/04 |
| | (A) |

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

OCT 06

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 07

| ITEM | POUNDS | | | | POUNDS | | | | OCT 07 WEEKLY | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|---|---------------|----------|---------|---------------|---------|
| | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S | 677 | 105.00-172.00 | - | 117.52 | 612 | 108.00-155.00 | - | 117.30 | 3,270 | 117.51 |
| TENDERLOINS | 268 | 120.00-179.00 | 125-129 | 127.09 | 248 | 110.00-140.00 | 122-127 | 120.48 | 1,100 | 127.78 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 130 | 75.00-85.00 | 78-81 | 79.69 | 517 | 80.66 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 235 | 55.77 |
| LEGS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 271 | 60.54 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 599 | 42.00-48.00 | 45-46 | 45.53 | 599 | 43.00-48.00 | 45-46 | 45.60 | 3,035 | 45.63 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 922 | 44.00-49.00 | 47-48 | 47.32 | 916 | 44.00-49.00 | 48-48 | 47.24 | 4,575 | 47.17 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 295 | 79.00-95.00 | 82-83 | 84.97 | 295 | 79.00-89.00 | 80-84 | 83.75 | 1,485 | 85.84 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 310 | 98.00-101.00 | 99-100 | 99.87 | 330 | 95.00-101.00 | 89-99 | 98.26 | 1,371 | 101.40 |
| DRUMSTICKS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 61 | 45.00-73.00 | - | 48.08 | 324 | 49.32 |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | |
| B/S THIGHS | 95 | 125.00-145.00 | - | 131.21 | 129 | 120.00-145.00 | - | 129.17 | 535 | 131.04 |
| ***** | | | | | | | | | | |
| WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | |
| TRADING FOR OCT 06, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | TRADING FOR OCT 07, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | |

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

47.50 - 52.50

49.93

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

47.00 - 53.00

50.30

5-DAY AVERAGE

50.75

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased under normal weekend call but was noted as no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items ranged at least adequate to ample. Drums, thighs and wings were fully adequate and slow to clear. Tenderloins remained readily available. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was weak on bone-in breast, tenderloins and wings; barely steady to weak on drums and thighs. Other items were no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

OCT 06

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

| ITEM | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| BREAST - B/S | 125 | 124.09 | 789,160 |
| TENDERLOINS | 120-125 | 135.60 | 189,720 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 75-76 | 88.24 | 61,720 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 75 | 66.94 | 112,360 |
| LEGS | 63-64 | 64.59 | 158,000 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 47-48 | 48.15 | 284,560 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 50-51 | 54.07 | 143,400 |
| THIGHS | 61-62 | 67.36 | 37,920 |
| B/S THIGHS | 135-136 | 134.98 | 68,480 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 86-87 | 88.96 | 243,460 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.09 | 16,360 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 50-55 | 52.97 | 18,642 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 70-75 | 74.67 | 9,680 |

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

| ITEM | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS | WTD AVG | VOL/LBS |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| BREAST - B/S | 125 | 125.98 | 754,020 | 124.02 | 3,177,800 |
| TENDERLOINS | 120 | 136.30 | 137,440 | 134.96 | 798,693 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 74-75 | 87.55 | 61,840 | 85.47 | 404,280 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 74 | 72.16 | 78,360 | 72.72 | 424,720 |
| LEGS | 63-64 | 65.31 | 249,480 | 64.96 | 895,880 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 47-48 | 47.91 | 294,786 | 48.06 | 1,476,998 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 48-49 | 53.60 | 188,640 | 55.48 | 562,640 |
| THIGHS | 60-61 | 67.91 | 71,600 | 67.45 | 271,400 |
| B/S THIGHS | 132-133 | 135.40 | 101,920 | 129.90 | 370,900 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 85-86 | 89.78 | 246,320 | 91.04 | 1,154,620 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.90 | 11,320 | 11.68 | 100,160 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 50-55 | 54.47 | 6,562 | 51.27 | 86,873 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 70-75 | 75.18 | 16,600 | 74.96 | 72,240 |

OCT 07

WEEKLY

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| | ESTIMATED | | ACTUAL | | AVG WT | | ACTUAL | | AVG WTS | |
|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) |
| | 10/07 | 10/06 | 10/05 | 10/04 | 10/05 | 10/04 | 09/30 | 09/28 | | |
| Alabama | 4,370 | 4,112 | 4,026 | 4,021 | 5.31 | 5.37 | 4,382 | 5.25 | | |
| Arkansas | 5,118 | 5,423 | 5,353 | 5,192 | 5.28 | 5.52 | 5,048 | 5.47 | | |
| Delmarva | 2,288 | 2,319 | 2,333 | 2,313 | 5.82 | 5.79 | 2,384 | 5.74 | | |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,428 | 2,289 | 2,255 | 2,296 | 5.05 | 5.20 | 2,491 | 5.09 | | |
| Mississippi | 3,976 | 3,070 | 2,930 | 2,753 | 5.72 | 4.98 | 3,577 | 5.71 | | |
| North Carolina | 2,894 | 2,548 | 2,506 | 2,489 | 6.56 | 6.52 | 2,572 | 6.54 | | |
| Texas | 2,529 | 2,516 | 2,305 | 2,501 | 5.38 | 5.30 | 2,566 | 5.09 | | |
| Total | 23,603 | 22,277 | 21,708 | 21,900 | 5.54 | 5.61 | 23,020 | 5.53 | | |
| Mon-Fri | 111,953(A) | | | | | | 108,319(A) | | | |
| Saturday | 1,338 | (included in total for date shown) | | | | | 3,443 | | | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Oct-05 and 08-Oct-05 is estimated to be 35,313,000 head up 2.23 percent from a week ago and down -0.82 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,544,000, last year 35,604,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 08-Oct-05 is estimated to be 166,194,000 head up 2.12 percent from a week ago, and up 2.79 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,749,000, last year 161,676,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | RANGE |
|------------------|--------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 97-99 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 99-107 |
| HENS UNDER 5# | |
| HENS OVER 5# | 65-73 |
| DUCKS | |
| RABBITS-WHOLE | |
| RABBITS-CUT UP | |

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | RANGE |
|------------------|------------------|
| FRESH FRYERS | ICE PACK 105-107 |
| | DRY PACK 108 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | ICE PACK 108-112 |
| | DRY PACK 111-112 |
| HENS OVER 5# | ICE PACK 93-95 |
| | DRY PACK 95-105 |
| DUCKS | 180-192 |

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 24-Sep-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | |
|---------------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Head | 24,505 | 21,549 | 56,510 |
| Avg Weight | 3.78 | 4.67 | 6.45 |
| % of total /1 | 24% | 21% | 55% |

Comparisons

| | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Last week | 23,452 | 23,816 | 55,827 |
| Avg Weight | 3.75 | 4.65 | 6.28 |
| % of total /1 | 23% | 23% | 54% |

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 23,198 | 20,845 | 50,155 |
| Avg Weight | 3.75 | 4.74 | 6.42 |
| % of total /1 | 25% | 22% | 53% |

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| To date/2005 | 1,035,856 | 854,966 | 1,870,269 |
| To date/2004 | 998,423 | 815,483 | 1,732,601 |

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

| W/E 01-Oct-2005 | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | |
| Head | 162,749 | 1,250 | 1,132 | 2,382 | 528 |
| Avg Wt | 5.35 | 3.45 | 7.95 | 5.59 | 6.35 |
| Last week | 165,401 | 1,229 | 1,529 | 2,758 | 475 |
| Same wk yr ago | 162,066 | 1,416 | 1,573 | 2,989 | 487 |
| Avg Wt | 5.35 | 3.44 | 8.12 | 5.90 | 6.79 |
| To-date/2005 | 6,283,134 | 57,272 | 55,149 | 112,421 | 19,326 |
| To-date/2004 | 6,107,022 | 53,304 | 52,490 | 105,794 | 18,193 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.7 million head, or 0.4 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------|--------|
| August 27 | 169.5 | 165.7 | 102% | 5.24 |
| September 3 | 152.6 | 163.7 | 93% | 5.20 |
| 10 | 152.5 | 163.1 | 94% | 5.28 |
| 17 | 171.3 | 164.8 | 104% | 5.33 |
| 24 | 167.4 | 165.7 | 101% | 5.30 |
| October 1 | 164.7 | 165.1 | 100% | 5.35 |
| Year to date | 6359.3 | 6427.5 | 99% | |
| October 8 | | 164.3 | | |
| 15 | | 161.8 | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

| W/E | 10/08/05 | 10/01/05 | % CHG | 10/09/04 | % CHG |
|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Broilers | 166,194 | 162,749* | +2.12 | 161,676* | +2.79 |
| Cattle | 625 | 606 | +03 | 624* | 0 |
| Hogs | 2,069 | 2,078 | 0 | 2,005* | +03 |

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 03-OCT-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND | 149-153 | 154-158 |
| MOSTLY | | |

| | | |
|---------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST | 132-140 | 133-141 |
| MOSTLY | | |

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 65.00-79.50 | 76.00-78.50 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 71.00-87.75 | 78.00-82.00 |

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

| | |
|--------|-------------|
| 12 OZ. | 63.36-72.90 |
| 14 OZ. | 69.84-81.00 |
| 16 OZ. | 74.88-89.10 |

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 03-OCT-2005

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 126-146 | 128-148 |

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 10-04-05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

| Prices paid per pound, except as noted. | RANGE |
|---|------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | 1.40 - 1.45 |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | 1.35 - 1.40 |
| Pekin Ducks | 4.50 - 4.75ea. |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS | .25 - .40 |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .45 - .50 |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .45 - .50 |
| Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS | .70 - .90 |
| Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS | .60 - .90 |
| Guinea Fowl | 1.50 - 1.60 |
| Banty Roosters | 2.00 - 2.25ea. |
| Banty Hens | 1.75 - 2.00ea. |
| Leghorn Hens | .04 - .06 |
| Leghorn Roosters | .25 - .30ea. |
| Silkie | 2.75 - 3.00ea. |
| Geese 9-14 LBS | .35 - .50 |
| Pigeons | 1.50 - 2.00ea. |
| White Pigeons | 3.50 - 3.75ea. |
| Rabbits 4-6 LBS | .75 - .95 |
| Rabbits 6-9 LBS | .70 - .80 |
| Bunnies | 1.00 - 5.00ea. |
| Guinea Pigs | .05 - 1.00ea. |
| Kid Goats | 30.00 - 45.00ea. |
| Doves | 3.50 - 3.75ea. |

Total Coops Sold 560

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for light canners; fair to moderate at best for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

| | |
|---|---|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5 | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

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|---|---|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 21-31 MAJORITY 26-27 | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |
|---|---|

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

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| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 5-13 | 9-10 |

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings. Sales of dressed product were fair. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

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|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | | TOO FEW TO REPORT |

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged to higher. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Rendering operations were absorbing excess spent hens as traditional slaughter operations were at capacity. Trade sentiment steady. Schedules full-time for next week.

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|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 5-11 | 6-9 |

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-OCTOBER-05

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were adequate to least adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady.

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|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | | TOO FEW TO REPORT |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | | TOO FEW TO REPORT |
| FOB PLANT | | TOO FEW TO REPORT |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | | TOO FEW TO REPORT |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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